

COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT

TOPIC Military Information from Gera

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 27 November 1952, the Reuss Kaserne on Franz Petri Strasse, Gera, was occupied by about 2,300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, AT and motor transport insignia, and 200 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. On 27 November, troops were seen drilling. Trucks [REDACTED] each occupied by 40 troops equipped with saws, axes and sub-machine guns were leaving the barracks installation. At about 4 p.m., these troops returned on motor vehicle [REDACTED]. About 200 troops received infantry training and combat practice near Steinertsberg (hill). At about 10 a.m. on 4 December, about 250 troops including 6 soldiers armed with antitank rifles marched to the Steinertsberg Hill where combat practice with smoke candles was held. The troops returned to the installation at about 1:30 p.m. [REDACTED] 25X1
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2. On 27 November, the Tinz Kaserne north of Gera was occupied by about 250 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery and motor transport insignia. About 50 percent of the windows of the quartermaster buildings were lighted after nightfall. 25X1
3. From 27 November to 7 December, the Reuss Kaserne was occupied to capacity by about 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. During the period of observation, an undetermined number of trucks and caterpillar tractors, 11 x 76.2-mm AT guns, 9 x 100-mm AT guns and 3 x 57-mm AT guns were seen in the garages. About 60 troops practiced firing with rifles in the barracks yard on 27 November, 1 and 4 December. On 3 December, 60 troops left the installation. On 7 December, 60 troops with baggage were transported to the station by trucks [REDACTED] and left Gera on a regular train toward Zeitz at 3:56 a.m. Motor vehicles coming from and driving to the installation [REDACTED] 25X1
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4. From 27 November to 7 December, the Panzer Kaserne in Tinz was occupied by 100 to 150 troops who wore artillery insignia. Three to four soldiers with a bar-like device and a tripod were seen at practices in the area near the installation on several days. 25X1

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5. The motor pool at 107 Wiese Strasse was occupied by a small detail wearing black-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. About 18 trucks were in the motor pool which were continually driving to the town.

Comment. Information in the present report indicates no changes in the occupation of the barracks installations in Gera.

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three troop trains with a total of 5 converted boxcars, 13 flatcars and 54 boxcars went from Glauchau to Gera on 30 November and 1 December. This tends to indicate that the transfer to Gera, probably to the Panzer Kaserne in Tinz, of the 220th Hvy Tank SP Regt of the Eighth Gds Army stationed in Glauchau has started. Information in paragraph 1 of the present report and motor vehicles vaguely indicate an engineer unit. According to unconfirmed information, an engineer unit was once seen in the quarters on Parkstrasse in April 1951. According to the service color, the detail on Wiese Strasse may belong to this unit.

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